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TO: AMBASSADOR HELMS, TEHRAN
FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT, THE WHITE HOUSE
SUBJ: SCHLESINGER INTERVIEW
REF: TEHRAN []

1. SCHLESINGER INTERVIEW MARCH 31 WITH HENRY TREWHITT DEALT MAINLY WITH INDOCHINA AND ARAB-ISRAELI SITUATION RE SUSPENSION OF NEGOTIATIONS. NO MENTION MADE OF ARMS SALES TO IRAN.

2. REGARDING ARMS SALES TO MIDDLE EAST IN GENERAL, FOLLOWING EXCHANGE TOOK PLACE;

TREWHITT: ARE WE GOING TO WITHHOLD OR DELAY ACTION ON ISRAELI REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL MILITARY SUPPLIES AS PERHAPS A MEANS OF USING OUR OWN DISCREET POLITICAL PRESSURE IN THIS AREA?

SCHLESINGER: I THINK THAT DURING THIS PERIOD OF RE-ASSESSMENT THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL BE RELUCTANT TO ENTER INTO NEW COMMITMENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST UNTIL WE HAVE A FIRMER GRASP OF WHERE THE UNITED STATES WISHES TO GO.

3. WARM REGARDS.

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